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LETTER DATED 15 FEBRUARY 2000 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit herewith the English translation of a note verbale dated 23 January 2000 from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran addressed to the Embassy of the Republic of Iraq in Tehran (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Hadi NEJAD-HOSSEINIAN
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Annex

Note verbale dated 23 January 2000 from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran addressed to the Embassy of the Republic of Iraq in Tehran

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran presents its compliments to the Embassy of the Republic of Iraq in Tehran and has the honour to state the following:

According to the report received from the concerned authorities of the Islamic Republic of iran, an armed group consisting of terrorist elements belonging to the MKO - authorized currently by the Iraqi Government to station in Iraq - infiltrated territory of the Islamic Republic of Iran in the Ilam region. On their way back to Iraqi territory, they fired upon the villagers of Chalsarab, murdering three villagers and injuring five more.

While strongly protesting against the above-mentioned hostile operation, the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran holds the Government of the Republic of Iraq responsible for the adverse consequences of such acts resulting from the provision of sanctuary to terrorists of the MKO on Iraqi soil and the creation of favourable grounds for them to organize armed terrorist and sabotage activities against the Islamic Republic of Iran, thus contravening international norms and principles as well as the Charter of the United Nations. The Islamic Republic of Iran, while respecting Iraq's territorial integrity and the principles of good-neighbourly relations, reserves its right to legitimate self-defence.

The Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran hopes that the Government of the Republic of Iraq understands the current situation and the impact of the normalization of bilateral relations on furthering peace and stability in the region and restoring security and mutual confidence along the common border, and will take serious and effective measures aimed at putting an end to these sorts of operations.